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Dear Mr Russell Shalev

LNI Conference on “Antisemitism in Australia: Is Australia Ready for Change?”

FAL Lawyers is pleased to submit our report on the successful virtual inaugural Australian Legal Network Initiative (**LNI**) Conference on “Antisemitism in Australia: Is Australia Ready for Change?” held on Tuesday, 17 November 2020 between 7:00pm – 9:15pm (**Conference**).

The aim of the Conference was to educate the Australian legal community on current legal issues relevant to the general phenomenon of rising antisemitism in Australia. Awareness and understanding around antisemitism are important to build momentum and advocate for adopting the International Holocaust Remembrance Alliance (**IHRA**) working definition of antisemitism in Australia.

We partnered with one of Australia’s leading legal conference program providers, Legalwise Seminars, as well as key members of the Australian Jewish legal community and members of the Australian Israel and Jewish Affairs Council (**AIJAC**) to organise, prepare and promote the Conference. The Conference was well organised, and we did not encounter any logistical errors.

Given the virtual nature of the Conference, we were able to invite speakers from around the world – Australia, Israel and the United Kingdom. The host of the Conference, **Harriet-Warlow-Shill** (Partner, FAL Lawyers), introduced the Conference and the speakers. The Conference was opened by **Baroness Ruth Deech DBE**, who began with introductory remarks on antisemitism and shared her experience of antisemitism and related issues in the UK. The speakers of the Conference included **Yifa Segal** (Founder and Director, ILF), **Sam Tatarka** (Barrister, Victorian Bar), **Jonathan Heuberger** (Director of International Cooperation, Ministry of Strategic Affairs and Public Diplomacy (Israel)), **Dr Dvir Abramovich** (Academic and Chairman, Anti-Defamation Commission) and **Naomi Levin** (Senior Policy Analyst, AIJAC). Each speaker was given 15 minutes to present, followed by 5-10 minutes for questions.

Topics included: ratifying and incorporating the IHRA working definition of antisemitism into Australian domestic law, the status of antisemitism and its common forms (often presented in social media and online hate speech) in Australia today, the purpose of the LNI, and the role of AIJAC in advocating for the adoption of the definition.

There was great participation and engagement by attendees. During the Conference, attendees shared opinions, thoughts and suggestions for consideration and asked speakers appropriate questions. Attendees have already provided positive feedback and note they're inspired to contribute to the advocacy of adopting the IHRA definition.

Thank you for providing us with the opportunity to educate the Australian legal community on what we can do to support and promote the battle against antisemitism, from advocacy to education. We are excited to partner with like-minded members of the Australian Jewish legal community, and legal community generally, to continue to advocate for and encourage the Australian Government to adopt and use the IHRA working definition.

We look forward to contributing to, and participating in, the next Australian LNI Conference in the future.

If you have any queries or require further information, please do not hesitate to contact me via email (harriet.warlow-shill@fal-lawyers.com.au).

Yours faithfully,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'Harriet Warlow-Shill'.

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